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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Atty. Docket No.: 98-541-K)

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Application No.: 09/800,689	)	Examiner: M. Wallenhorst
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Filing Date: March 7, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 1743
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Title: Automated Immunohistochemical	)	Confirmation No.: 5052
and <i>in situ</i> Hybridization Assay	)	
Formulations	)	

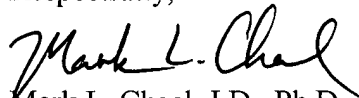
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**PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner:

The applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2003. With this extension, the applicants' response is due on or before January 22, 2004. The requisite extension fee of \$950.00 accompanies this petition. The Commissioner is authorized to debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees associated with this application to Deposit Account 13-2490.

Respectfully,

  
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